

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 53

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*In Senate, Feb. 5, 1915.*

*Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on State Lands and Forest Preservation.*

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. Ames of Washington.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

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AN ACT requiring the disposition of inflammable material along  
the railroads and highways of the State.

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*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. Any person, firm, corporation or agent cutting  
2 any forest growth on property adjacent to the right of way  
3 of any railroad, highway within the State shall leave the  
4 growth uncut on the land within fifty feet of the limit of  
5 the right of way of a railroad, center of wrought portion  
6 of any plantation, town, city, county or state road, or shall  
7 dispose of slash and debris caused by cutting in such a  
8 manner that inflammable material shall not remain on the

9 ground within fifty feet of the limit of the right of way  
10 of a railroad, center of wrought portion of any plantation,  
11 town, city, county or state road.

Sect. 2. Slash and debris accumulating by the construction  
2 and maintenance of railroads, highways, or telegraph and  
3 telephone lines, shall be disposed of in such a manner that  
4 inflammable material shall not be left on the ground.

Sect. 3. When any person, firm, corporation or agent shall  
2 have failed to dispose of slash and debris as ordered by this  
3 act, such person, firm, corporation or agent shall be deemed  
4 guilty of misdemeanor and on conviction thereof, shall be  
5 punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor exceeding  
6 one hundred dollars for each acre or fraction thereof, of  
7 such land from which inflammable material is not properly  
8 disposed of within sixty days of the cutting of trees thereon,  
9 unless authority for extension of time is granted by the  
10 Forest Commissioner.

*Provided*, however, that any person, firm, corporation or  
12 agent cutting wood or timber during the winter, after No-  
13 vember first, shall have until May first following in the  
14 Maine Forestry District, and until April first in the remain-  
15 der of the State, to remove such slash and debris. If such  
16 slash and debris are destroyed by burning, such burning shall  
17 be done with the permission of the Forest Commissioner.

The Forest Commissioner and Highway Commission shall  
19 be jointly charged with the enforcement of this act.